

FLORENCE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

MARCH 3, 2004

8:00 PM

The Florence Township Council held a regular meeting on the above date in the Municipal Complex, 711 Broad Street, Florence, New Jersey.

Call to Order & Flag Salute

The meeting was called to order by Council President Fratinardo at 8:00 PM. Council President Fratinardo led the salute to the flag.

Sunshine Statement

The Township Clerk read the following statement: "Notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice was published in the Burlington County Times on January 4, 2004 and given to the Register News for information. Notice was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board."

Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

John Fratinardo, President
Frank Baldorossi
Bruce Garganio
Elizabeth A. Ryan, Vice President
Jerry Sandusky

Also present:

Michael Muchowski, Mayor; Richard Brook, Township Administrator; Thomas Sahol, Assistant Administrator; William John Kearns, Jr., Township Solicitor; Dante Guzzi, Township Engineer; Joy Weiler, Township Clerk

Presentation: Paula Ingham, Land Use Administrator

Mayor Michael Muchowski presented Paula Ingham with a clock from the Township for the occasion of her retirement. He commended Mrs. Ingham for her attaining the level of Land Use Administrator.

The Township Council President, John Fratinardo, presented Mrs. Ingham with a bouquet of flowers on behalf of the Members of Council

The Township Clerk and fellow employees noted that Mrs. Ingham will be missed and presented her with a gift.

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Approval of Minutes

- Township Council's Closed Sessions: 2-11-04 and 2-18-04
- Township Council's Reorganization: 1-07-04

Motion made by Bruce Garganio to approve the minutes as noted above; seconded by Jerry Sandusky. Roll call vote – all ayes. Minutes approved as noted.

Financial Correspondence

- REPORTS TO RECEIVE AND FILE: Twp. Clerk & Chief of Police for February
- TREASURER'S BILL LIST FOR APPROVAL

Motion made by Bruce Garganio to receive and file the reports and to approve the Treasurer's bill list; seconded by Jerry Sandusky. Roll call vote – all ayes.

Applications

RAFFLES: Holy Assumption PTA Carnival week: 5-11-04 through 5-16-04
Off Premise and Instant Drawings

Motion made by Jerry Sandusky; seconded by Frank Baldorossi to approve the applications. Roll call vote – all ayes.

Public Comments

Fred Wainwright, Florence-Columbus Road resident, asked Mayor and Council if water would be installed to Cedar Lane area. He knows a resident who needs a new filter, but if the line will be installed in the near future, the resident could hold off. Council Member Garganio responded that the water line will be built when the new school is built; time frame is approximately one year.

Terri Cranmer, Route 130 resident requested an update and status of water and sewer lines to rear of her property line? The Mayor explained that he had a conference call with the official that is reviewing the water and sewer master plan, and he will attend a meeting tomorrow with him; but the answer is that the town is still waiting for DEP. The Mayor explained that the official who was working on the town's application has left DEP; now a new official is reviewing the plan. The Mayor stated that he hopes to know more after tomorrow's meeting.

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Ms. Cranmer stated that the fence around the pond where NJ Transit's off site drainage basin is located is not sufficient; she believes a guardrail is needed. The Mayor explained the qualifying factor is distance, depth, etc.; he understands that NJ Transit is not finished; they may be putting in a guardrail, also.

Ms. Cranmer addressed the truck traffic concern along Route 130. She recommended that the channel turn lane be extended.

No further public comments: Motion to close the public comments made by Jerry Sandusky; seconded by Betsy Ryan. Roll call vote – all ayes.

Resolutions

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-61
**AUTHORIZING THE BURLINGTON COUNTY MOSQUITO
EXTERMINATION COMMISSION TO CONDUCT AN AERIAL
MOSQUITO CONTROL ACTIVITY**

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-62
NOTE: HELD
**A Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Florence Establishing
a Policy for the Consideration of Applications for Tax Abatement**

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-63
**A RESOLUTION BINDING THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE
TO PURCHASE ELECTRIC GENERATION SERVICES
PURSUANT TO A MULTI-GOVERNMENT
ENERGY AGGREGATION CONTRACT
AWARDED
THROUGH THE BURLINGTON COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING
SYSTEM #4BuCCP**

Motion made by Elizabeth Ryan to approve Resolutions 2004-61 and 63 and to HOLD 62; seconded by Frank Baldorossi. Roll call vote:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Fratinardo
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

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No Ordinances at this time.

No Reports of Committees, Boards and Officers at this time.

Reports: Administrator

The Mayor announced the Café Night at the High School on March 13 and 14. He stated that it is a great show and worth attending.

The Township Administrator, Richard Brook, congratulated Paula Ingham on her retirement; he praised her for her dedication and professional manner; he stated that she will be missed; he thanked Mrs. Ingham.

The Assistant Administrator, Thomas Sahol updated the Council Members:

- Notification/flyer on Waste Management issue: odors.
- The horn for Light Rail: wayside horn set up at railroad crossings.

Council Member Baldorossi asked that an expanded area of Roebling be included in the map area for Waste Management flyer distribution. Council Vice President Ryan also noted that she can often smell the odors from the landfill out at her property in the country area.

Thomas Sahol also thanked Paula Ingham for teaching him about zoning; he appreciated all that she did to help him; he stated that it was great working with her.

Township Solicitor, William John Kearns, Jr. stated that he knows a lot of Land Use Administrators in the State, and Paula Ingham is one of the best in the State.

Township Engineer, Dante Guzzi, stated that the new **Public Works building** has started; the site work has begun.

The bids on **CDBG** will be discuss at next week's meeting.

Grant for sidewalk and pedestrian walkway for **Olive and Main and 10th** discussed.

Dan Guzzi also noted that Paula Ingham will be missed; he stated that it has been wonderful working with her over the past years.

Dennis O'Hara, former Planning Board Chairman, noted that a Proclamation honoring Mrs. Ingham was prepared at the Planning Board meeting. He noted that it has been a pleasure working with her; and wished her the best of luck.

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Al Glebocki, Zoning Board Chairman, noted that the Zoning Board had a surprise celebration and a Resolution at their last meeting for Paula Ingham. He stated that Paula had taught him a lot regarding planning and zoning. He congratulated her and wished her the best.

Adjournment

8:30 PM Motion made by Jerry Sandusky to adjourn; seconded by Betsy Ryan. Roll call vote – all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy M. Weiler, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk